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HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IN FIRE IN ST LOUIS CLUB LAST NIGHT

Three Known to be Dead and Fear That Near 100 Others Perished in Blaze

MISSOURI ATHLETIC CLUB GUESTS ARE VICTIMS

Boatman's Bank Burned and Over \$1,000,000 in Vaults—Heroic Rescues

NOW ESTIMATE 35 LIVES WERE LOST

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ST. LOUIS, March 9.—Between 30 and 35 dead was the estimate made this afternoon by officers of the Missouri Athletic Club as to the number who perished in the fire that destroyed the club building. Six bodies are in the morgue and three are unidentified. The bodies of the 25 or 30 unaccounted for are believed to be in the ruins. The property loss is estimated at over \$350,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 9.—Three

are known to be dead, dozens of others are believed to have perished and two score injured seriously in a fire which destroyed early today the seven-story building housing the Missouri Athletic Club and Boatman's Bank at Fourth and Washington avenue.

The known dead are: C. F. Kessler, general manager of a wire company, killed in jumping from sixth story.

John Marston Ricker, of St. Paul, general auditor of an automobile company, found burned to death on the third floor.

James Riley, a guest at the club. The exact number of dead may not be known for several days. Estimates vary between 15 and 100. Last night 135 persons registered at the club and only 35 are accounted for.

The property damage is estimated at over \$1,000,000. In the vaults of the bank covered by the ruins are \$1,000,000 in currency and \$27,000 in gold.

When the firemen arrived on the scene a few moments after the blaze was discovered, flames were shooting out the roof and all the windows above the second floor. Men were jumping out of windows and others climbing down ropes made of bedclothes wired together. More than a dozen jumped several stories to roofs of adjoining buildings and escaped with broken legs or less serious injuries. Those who did escape ran wildly about the streets in bathrobes and night clothes until carried forcibly into neighboring hotels.

Heroism was exhibited both by firemen and guests at the club. The fire fighters time and again dodged one of the tottering walls only to find themselves under another tottering mass of granite and brick.

Theodore Levy clung to a window sill until both hands were scorched almost black. Just as he was about to let go the firemen grasped him and carried him down the ladder. Levy said that two men who were killed, had jumped from the window to which he clung until rescued.

Robert C. Magill, manager of the club, and his wife, discovered the fire in the dining room and before seeking safety awoke as many of the guests as possible. Both were badly burned.

IS DROWNED IN COQUILLE

Man Recently From New York Loses Life Near River-ton Today

Coroner Fred Wilson today received a telephone message announcing that a man employed at a logging camp or dump near Riverton had fallen into the Coquille River there and was drowned. The name could not be ascertained, but it was learned that he was recently from New York. He is presumed to have been working for the Crane camp. Coroner Wilson ordered Justice Stanley of Coquille to conduct the investigation.

TIES FOR NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Both the Tillamook and the Patsy are in port loading with ties for the Northern Pacific to be taken to Portland—Bandon World.

LIBRARY CONCERT Sunday.

THREE KILLED IN HOTEL FIRE

Three Others Fatally Injured In Disaster at Clarksburg, W. Virginia, Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CLARKSBURG, W. Va., March 9.—Three men are believed to have been killed and three fatally injured in a fire which destroyed the Lowe building and seriously damaged the ten-story building of the Union National Bank. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. Marsh Cannon, district manager of the Philadelphia Gas Company, and Robert Hughill, were trapped on the sixth floor. They dropped a rope out of the window and reached the fifth floor, when water that was thrown on the rope and froze and both men dropped and were fatally injured. Another man jumped from the top story and was crushed.

NO TRACE OF MISSING MAN

Ed Creighton, of First Addition, Drops Out of Sight Mysteriously

FEARS FOUL PLAY

Mr. Randall, of the Pacific Grocery in North Bend, a brother-in-law of Mr. Creighton, stated this afternoon that no trace had been found of the missing man. He rather suspects foul play, as there was no known reason for disappearing or for suicide. He and his wife lived happily together. His folks are well-to-do and Creighton was comfortably fixed. He had about \$75 cash with him when he left, Mr. Randall said. Mrs. Creighton, who is staying with her sister, Mrs. Randall, is almost prostrated.

Ed Creighton, a father, living in First Addition, mysteriously dropped out of sight yesterday afternoon and his wife and friends and the police are making a careful search in an endeavor to locate him. The disappearance of a small grip and a revolver from the Creighton home has alarmed Mrs. Creighton and his friends. So far as known, Creighton had no reason to drop out of sight and still less for making away with himself as some fear that he did.

Just prior to his leaving his friends he had been reading a copy of the San Francisco Examiner of March 5 and whether he found some item in there that resulted in his inexplicable action is a question.

Creighton is about thirty years old, has blue eyes, light hair and weighs about 150 pounds, being rather short. He and his wife have been married about three years and came to Coos Bay three or four months ago from Great Falls, Montana. His mother resides at Lawton, Okla.

Creighton had bought a lot in First Addition and built a home there. He had about \$30 in cash on his person and had a bank account at the Planagan & Bennett bank.

Saturday night he and Mrs. Creighton went to North Bend and spent the night at the home of V. W. Randall, manager of the Pacific Grocery, the two families being friends. Yesterday he left the Randall home just before dinner and came to Marshfield on the 11:30 motor car and has not been seen since.

CAN VOTERS SIGN MORE THAN ONE PETITION?

The law plainly states that municipalities of 2000 or over shall be governed by the general state laws.

Section 3337, Lord's Oregon Laws says "No person who is not an elector shall be qualified to join in nominating any candidate. No elector shall be qualified to join in a certificate of nomination made by individual electors in nominating more than one person for each office to be filled."

In the form of petition for nominating for any city office this paragraph appears in the new city charter:

"That I have not signed any other petition nominating any other candidate for the above named office at said election."

THE RIDDLE

THE TRAGIC termination of the career of F. S. Dow marks the passing of a conspicuous figure in the commercial circles of Coos County. He was a business man of capacity and capability, energy and enterprise. Ambitious at all times, he was seeking a wider scope for the exercise of his seemingly tireless energies. With great and abiding faith in the future of Coos Bay and Coos County, he found here a field for his effort that engaged all his resources, physical and financial, but the strain proved too great.

Any attempt at analysis of the mental processes by which he arrived at his final decision would be futile. A few hours before the end he was in The Times office making inquiry concerning some printing he ordered, and apparently occupied with future plans for development of his business. How little we know of the thoughts and heart-throbs of the man we touch elbows with.

What does it all mean, we are asking over and over. Meaning the general riddle of the universe, the problem of human progress, the ultimate end and answer of human effort and desire. And sometimes the puzzle of it all is a luring if lurking mystery, and sometimes a blighting tragedy and again a humorous, ironical, farce.

A friend plays false and the riddle becomes a brazen, tinkling echo, a sneering confirmation of the lurking pessimism of our souls. A hope dies young and the glad, groping belief in things fades and falters. Some of the color blurs out of the sunrise, some of the music out of the sea. And then an unanticipated benefit comes our way and the mystery glitters with dew drops and shimmers with rainbow promise. In the bleak highway of the world somebody is unexpectedly kind, and the enigma is enhanced with its best, Sphinx-like smile.

But whether we solve the riddle or not, the sun shines placidly on, new leaves grow on the birch boughs, the bees come back to the honeysuckle vines and the swallows twitter about the eaves. There is a thrilling splendor in the spring sunset, the brook bounds rapturously through the valley, the brilliant emerald of the hills is softly gorgeous with the tang of old wine in the air.

What does it all mean? We may not answer, but there is still beauty and love and goodness in the world about us. These we feel and see and realize in spite of our blind questing after the secret that may lie hidden, the puzzle that tempts and defies. Somehow the night passes and dawn again touches the sky. Somehow the clouds drift on, somehow the heart is glad again in the face of old griefs and pain.

What does it all mean? Why should it greatly matter. A friend smiles out of the glow of your fireside, the sky is mauve with another sunset, a robin sings in the lilacs and the queer, blinking old stars are there.

SACRAMENTO POSSE OUSTS I W W AFTER SERIOUS CLASHES TODAY

General Kelley and Eighteen Leaders Arrested and Others Driven Away—Some Bloodshed and Fighting.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 9.—"General" Kelley and eighteen lieutenants of the army of the unemployed were arrested by a posse on the charge of vagrancy. The posse entered the camp and seized them. They then drove the others from the sand lot into the street. The main band moved without resistance, but the Industrial Workers band fought and a score of heads were cracked by clubs in the hands of the deputies.

"On to the capital!" the army shouted. The Governor refused an appeal to order out the militia. The men dropped on their stomachs, daring the officers to molest the American flags they held in their hands. These men were picked up bodily and thrown over the fence, cursing wildly.

Much blood was shed. Groaning men lay in the streets. The officers beat all those who resisted. Swearing crowds with stones smashed autos and street cars. Three streams from the fire hose were turned on the crowds. They will be driven across the river into Yolo county.

MILITIA WAS READY.

Over 400 Men Assembled at Sacramento Arsenal Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 9.—With 400 militiamen mobilized in the state arsenal here, awaiting orders to oust the 1400 members of the unemployed armies, the situation is rapidly nearing a crisis. A citizen committee offered "General" Kelley and his army transportation back to the Bay, but he refused. Kelley dared the committee to order the militia to disperse them.

MAIL POUCH IS ROBBED TODAY

Bandits Break Into Northern Pacific Depot at Attalia and Escape

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 9.—Sheriff Toner received word this morning from Attalia, 20 miles west of here, that thieves entered the Northern Pacific depot last night, ripped open the registered mail pouches and stole their contents. The amount of loss has not yet been determined. Officers left for the scene.

W. P. MURPHY IS NAMED TODAY

Will Take Charge of Affairs of Late F. S. Dow—Misrepresented in Portland Paper

W. P. Murphy was today appointed administrator of the F. S. Dow estate and will take charge of the business and affairs at once.

The body of Mr. Dow was shipped on the Speedwell today to San Diego, being sent by express to his father, T. E. Dow, who lives at National City. Burial will be there. Mrs. Dow and the children were unable to go.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the Dow home on Donnelly avenue. There was a large attendance of friends of the deceased, Rev. J. E. Burkhardt officiating. The Masons attended in a body.

Nothing new has developed in the affair that would shed any light on the case.

Misrepresented in Portland Paper.

Auditor Allen of the Balfour-Guthrie Company and friends of the F. S. Dow family are highly indignant today over a story appearing in the Portland Oregonian which was sent to that paper by O. W. Briggs of Marshfield.

In the report in the Oregonian Mr. Allen is quoted as having said that there was an alleged shortage of \$12,000 or \$15,000 in the account of Mr. Dow with the Balfour-Guthrie Company. Mr. Allen stated today that he never told Briggs any thing of the kind. Mr. Allen said that he did not even intimate the possibility of a shortage because he did not know, nor does he know yet, and moreover he had not found any thing that would lead him to suspect anything of the kind. He is highly indignant over the misrepresentation by Briggs in the Portland paper.

TO HEAR GUARDSMEN

More Testimony to be Taken in Michigan Mine Probe

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, March 9.—The members of the Congressional committee investigating the Michigan copper strike arrived here from Northern Michigan prepared to hear testimony of members of the Michigan National Guard.

"WHO WILL MARRY MARY?"

A great picture at Grand Theater tomorrow night.

GOOD MUSIC AT SONS OF NORWAY DANCE, EAGLE'S HALL, SATURDAY, MARCH 14.

VERGARA'S BODY INDICATES TORTURE BEFORE HIS EXECUTION

EVIDENCE IN VERGARA CASE

U. S. Consul Garrett Secures Proof of Rancher Being Lured into Mexico

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Evidence gathered by American Consul Garrett and Texas authorities to prove that Clemente Vergara was lured into Mexico from his home in Texas and subsequently executed by troops of Huerta government injected another serious aspect into the Mexican situation. A comparison of the Benton and Vergara cases was the topic of much discussion. Officials were inclined to view with much more gravity the murder of Vergara, who, they pointed out, was innocently drawn across the border and killed.

DYNAMITE CASE IS SUSTAINED

U. S. Supreme Court Refuses Rehearing to Ryan and 23 Union Men Involved

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Supreme Court refused to review the conviction in the dynamiting cases of Frank M. Ryan and twenty-three other members of the Iron Workers Union. Only a pardon now can keep the convicted men from the penitentiary.

FOX'S AUTO IS SOLD TO GORST

Sale Effected by Constable Cox Just Before Injunction is Served

"I am offered \$90 for this automobile, said Constable Cox, 'are you all done at \$90? Sold to Mr. Gorst for \$90,' was the verdict of constable Cox, directed on an attachment in Justice Pennock's Court to sell the automobile belonging to Robert Fox, the former Marshfield cleaning man. The auto was held in custody of the North Bend Warehouse and was sold to satisfy the claim of Mayor F. E. Allen.

The sale was just completed and Mr. Gorst had paid for the horseless carriage when a summons server arrived with an order restraining the Sheriff from disposing of the property. The action was filed by Hoy & Miller, the ownership of the automobile being assigned by Fox's sister, Mrs. Ogren, to H. G. Roy, for \$35. The order was filed with the court, claiming that the sale was illegal, because the defendant in the action, Fox, was not served with a certified copy of the summons. As it now stands, Gorst has the automobile for \$90, and \$9 storage charges which have accrued since the automobile has been on "ice."

NEWPORT GETS GREAT CRAFT

Oregon Life Saving Crew Receives Finest Life Boat Ever Made

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEWPORT, Or., March 9.—The new life saving power boat, Dauntless, the finest self-righting power boat on the coast, arrived here today from the East. It has the latest life-saving appliances including a powerful electric searchlight.

"WHO WILL MARRY MARY?"

A great picture at Grand Theater tomorrow night.

EVERY MERCHANT Who uses The Times advertising columns will tell you he makes money by so doing. The reason is simple. Dependence is placed in The Times ads because no "fake" ad can enter its columns.

Party of Nine Americans Secretly Recovered Body of Slain Rancher

CLAIM HE WAS LURED ACROSS THE BORDER

Execution of American by Mexicans More Serious Than Benton Case

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LAREDO, Tex., March 9.—A shovel sticking in the soft earth of an open grave and around the handle of the implement a card with the word "recuerdos" (remembrance) was the solitary trace today of the mysterious night visit of a party of unidentified men to the Hidalgo, Mexico, Cemetery, who disinterred the body of Clemente Vergara and returned it to Texas for burial. Vergara's body was placed secretly at a lonely spot on the Rio Grande, 45 miles above Laredo, in the early dawn of Sunday morning, to be found by a United States official, state official and county Deputy Sheriff.

The body is here today awaiting an investigation which the authorities hope may disclose something to aid them in accounting for the ranchman's violent death after he was taken prisoner by the Federals. An examination of the body disclosed two gun shot wounds in the head, one in the neck, and the mark of a blow, as if from a rifle butt, which crushed the skull. A mutilated left hand, twisted and charred by fire, suggested torture had been inflicted before Vergara was executed.

It is known that a party of nine men were led to the grave of the Mexican who witnessed the murder and burial of Vergara. The party returned to the American side unchallenged, where the body was first identified by members of Vergara's family and then consigned to the waiting officials.

VERGARA BODY BROUGHT BACK

Deny That Texas Rangers Had Anything to do With Raid on Hidalgo Cemetery

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AUSTIN, Tex., March 9.—The Texas rangers did not cross the Mexican border nor participate in the expedition by which Clemente Vergara's body was exhumed secretly from the Hidalgo, Mexico, cemetery and deposited by persons as yet unidentified on the Texas side of the Rio Grande before daylight Sunday morning, according to the official version of the Vergara incident from state capital sources today. It is claimed that this version is borne out by dispatches from Laredo, Texas, at the nearest point to Hidalgo where an investigation could be made and reports transmitted by wire.

WAR SPEECH IS MADE TODAY

Senator Fall Urges United States to Send Army into Mexico at Once

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Urging the use of the army and navy for the protection of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico, which he said would prevent war, Senator Fall addressed the Senate and gave a list of sixty-three outrages on Americans, including murder and rape, concerning which the Senator said he had personal knowledge.

He bitterly assailed the administration's policy and declared the states owe a duty to their own citizens and to foreigners as well as to Mexico itself.